

(c) The basic reason for the delay is air traffic congestion which occurs because various airlines choose to operate during prime period due to commercial factors. Airlines normally also are not adhering to allotted slots due to various reasons such as technical, commercial and weather.

(d) Various measures have been taken to remove the congestion at airports such as new high speed exit taxiways have been constructed at Delhi and Mumbai airports, a parallel taxi track at Delhi airport, simultaneous use of both runways at Delhi and Mumbai airports during peak traffic periods, improved ATC procedures, ban on general aviation aircraft, upgradation of ATC automation systems, operation of Surface Movement Radars and Advanced Surface Movement Guidance and Control System at Delhi airport, upgradation of Instrument Landing System to CAT-II ILS at Kolkata airport have been introduced.

New greenfield airports

565. SHRI RAJEEV SHUKLA: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) the details of the greenfield airports currently under construction in the country alongwith the estimated dates of beginning of their operations; and

(b) the details of greenfield airport projects currently in the process of approval?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI PRAFUL PATEL): (a) Two greenfield airports namely Hyderabad International Airport and Bangalore International Airport are under construction. Both these airports are expected to start their operation by April 2008.

(b) Proposals from State Governments for greenfield airports at Phek in Nagaland, Chithu near Kohima in Nagaland, Chakan II, (Rajguru Nagar) near Pune and Navi Mumbai in Maharashtra, Kannur in Kerala and Itanagar in Arunachal Pradesh have been received 'In-principle' approval has been given for a new airport at Mopa in Goa. The other proposals are at different stages of consideration.

Upgradation of airports in Rajasthan

566. DR. GYAN PRAKASH PILANIA: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether a number of airports in Rajasthan have been identified for upgradation and which would be of international standard;